### FARMER SHOULD **OBTAIN A HICHER** PLACE IN NATION

Bryan Delivers Non-Political Address to Farmers At Lincoln

### NEEDS OF FARMERS TOO OFTEN SADLY NEGLECTED

Bryan Points Out the Slowness of the of the Farmer In Building

Up This Country.

Lincoln, Neb., September 4.-William J. Bryan, democratic candidate for the presidency, today made two avowedly nonpolitical speeches to his home folks. The first was at the State Fair grounds, where he participated in the dedication of the new auditorium, and the second was new building was dedicated as a hospital for the aged. In his fair grounds speech he was introduced by Governor Sheldon, who has just been renominated by the republicans for governor, and who was a captain in Mr. Bryan's regiment

the Spanish-American war. Mr. Bryan ferred somewhat humorously to his own xperiences as a soldier, and said that the candidates for President this year he was the only man with a war record. He said that underlying partisan feelings in this country was patriotism deeper and stronger than all else, as indicated by the ready response to the call or volunteers in the Spanish-American personal experience typified And less than two years after his defeat by Mr. McKinley he had volunteered his services at Washington for the war. This offer, however, was not accepted, and he turned to his own state, which gave him a commission, and he I the officers in the regiment, like Govnor Sheldon, he said, were republicans, hough the majority of the enlisted men

### Address to Farmers. Addressing himself to the farmers, he

making the appropriations for the farmer than for any other class of our people Why, it was a century after our government was organized, or about that before we succeeded in getting a department of agriculture established. We are the greatest agricultural country in the world, and agriculture is the greatest industry in our country, and yet almost 100 years elapsed before the farmer got a seat around the President's council chamber. dizing the farmer's place in our govern nt and among our institutions! time that has elapsed since the creation of this department of agriculture a great deal has been done, and yet that depart-

ment is in its infancy.
'What will you think when I tell you that for every dollar we spend on that department we spend more than \$25 on getting ready for wars we ought never to have, than we spend on agriculture. The agricultural school is developing; its advancement is one of the great marked characteristics of this generation. I think I am safe in saying that in no other deartment of learning has there been so nuch progress as in that department which relates to agriculture. I am glad encourage the agricultural college, y, for years it has been deemed a part of the duty of the state to train lawyers through law schools established by the government. And we have trained ctors through schools connected with r state institutions; but, my friends, are just beginning to learn that the training of the farmer is just as import-ant as the training of the doctor or the

### Benefit of Colleges.

'I expect great things from our agricultural colleges. I believe these col-leges will lift the average of general intelligence of the farmer. I expect these colleges to equip an increasing number of young men for public life. We will d the roll of United States senators and we will find but two farmers among them. Run down the list of congressmen and you will find but few farmers among em. Considering the people engaged farming, the farmer has very inadequate representation in the national congress. And what is the result? The result is that the farmer has been neglected more than any other man and his interest other class; and with this larger training of our farmer boys and farmer girls I expect to see the farmer associate himself more with and gain a larger repre-sentation in the making of our laws and the shaping of the nation's policies. Dangerous Symptom.

"The discrimination that has been going on against the farmer has tended to drive the people from the farms to the towns, and I believe that that symptom is dangerous. I am going simply to point out two or three ways in which it mani-fests itself. Our federal taxation is almost all collected through methods that bear upon consumption, and when we tax consumption instead of possession we make the poor man pay more than his share, and there has heretofore been a of collecting taxes, and when the taxes are appropriated and expended the money is nearly all spent in the cities and very little of it upon the farms. The farmer therefore, has not only suffered in paying more than his share to the tax coldirectly by the expenditure of the money, that is raised. Read the enormous amounts spent on ships and then figure

"Take up the other large appropriations and, with the exception of pensions, I do not know of any large appropriation in

## IS STILL UNSOLVABLE BIG FIRE LEAVES MURDER MYSTERY

Widow of Dr. Rustin Of Omaha, Who Was Shot and Killed, Is Confident That Her Husband Did Not Commit Suicide As Many Believe-Young Woman Has Been Arrested In Connection With Case

he room with the coffin containing the when the fatal shot was fired. body of her dead husband, shot mysteriously on his front porch early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Frederick T. Rustin today gave her first interview. Mrs. Rustin is bordering on nervous collapse. She said:

"This is what happened on that night, so far as I have any knowledge: I was awakened by a pistol shot. I waited some time, and then something impelled me to go down stairs and see what was the matter. I went down, and, opening the door slightly, looked through the crack. saw my husband, Dr. Rustin, sitting in a chair and looking as though he was in

"Then I threw the door wide open and rushed out on to the porch and over to the chair in which he sat.

"'Oh, what is the matter, Fred; what has happened to you? I exclaimed. 'A man has shot me,' he mumbled, and then

I grabbed him in my arms and started, dragging him toward the door. He is a large man, and it was all I could do to carry him along.

"But I managed to get him just within the doorway. Then I screamed to my maid for assistance.

"When the maid reached me she found Dr. Rustin lying on the floor, just within

Omaha, Neb., September 4.-Seated in that the doctor was within the house

"Then we telephoned for physicians and for Dr. Rustin's mother. Dr. Rustin was taken to the hospital, and died an hour later, That it all."

"Why were the pelice not notified earlier?" was asked.

"I did not know of such matters. My one thought was for my husband, and I never thought of reporting the matter to the authorities for some time. Then I spoke to the physicians about it, and they said they would attend to that. But in the hurry for the operation, which was performed, they forgot to do so until after the death." "It is reported that Dr. Rustin commit-ted suicide. Do you think he did?"

"I am sure not. I have no theory as to who committed the deed, but I have no doubt Dr. Rustin was murdered. We had been married more than 10 years, and during that time I never received a cross word from my husband. His con should be. My friends had often com mented upon the gentleness with which Dr. Rustin treated me and his children. "The officers will have every assistance from me in their efforts to solve the mys-

tery of my husband's death.' This afternoon the police arrested Miss Leora Bonell, and will detain her at the city jail until the inquest next Tuesday. No charge has been placed against the woman, but she has admitted she was the last person in the company of Dr. Fred-erick Rustin before he reached his home on the night he was killed, and she is

### G. A. R. WILL HOLD UP ON PENSION LEGISLATION

years will the Grand Army of the Republic ask Congress for further relief measures. Resolutions looking to an amendment to the service pension bill, reducing to 65 years the age at which a veteran can receive \$20 a month, another bill to make eligible all soldiers' widows who were married prior to the date of passage of the bill, were laid over in favor of the resolution granting Congress three years' respite from old soldier legis-

ion of the leaders that too much hammering for pension bills and relief measures might soon create a bad impression in the minds of congressmen and reflect discredit on the civil war veterans. Another way will be sought by the veterans to get before Congress those bits of unfinished legislation which they feel cannot wait. At the request of Gen. I.

Toledo, O., September 4.-Not for three | R. Sherwood of Ohio his dollar-a-day pension bill was not brought up for consideration and a resolution asking Con-gress to pay ex-prisoners of war \$2 a day pension was laid over. As the result of pension was laid over. As the result of the G. A. R. encampments in the past indorsing one particular bill to be presented before Congress, scarcely a year has passed but that Congress has had before it for consideration at least one pen-sion measure backed by the entire Grand Army. After the installation of the new-ly elected national officers at the morning session today, the G. A. R. delegates de-cided upon Salt Lake City as the next

meeting place.

After Salt Lake City was chosen for the next encampment, Vice Commander-in-Chief Scott notified the encampment that Atlanta, with more skyscrapers and better and more hotels outside of seaside resorts, would be in the field for 1910. He said that she could take care of the Grand Army, but his only fear was that she could not care for all the Johnnies. who would come to greet them. This was

### WEST VIRGINIA MUDDLE WORRIES REPUBLICANS

New York, September 4.-The sub-committee, composed of National Committeemen Ward, Dupont and Brooker, appointed to consider the West Virginia republican gubernatorial tangle, in which the Lincoln Republican club, with S. C. Scherr as its gubernatorial nominee, ask that the electors and congressional candidates on the regular republican ticket, headed by C. A. Swisher, be placed on the Scherr ticket, held further consideration of the matter tonight. C. A. Swisher, candidate for governor on the regular ticket, appeared before the committee. After the committee adjourned, Mr. Ward announced that no decision would be announced until Wednesday.

It is understood that the sub-committee will report to the national committee, requesting it to direct to the Swisher forces to give permission to the Lincoln republican party to place their electors and congressional candidates on the Scherr

An informal meeting of almost all the members of the executive committee of the republican national committee was held at headquarters today, and the general situation was discussed. Those present were Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania; Edwin C. Duncan of North Carolina; Charles F. Brooker of Connecticut; T. Coleman Dupont of Delaware; and W. T. Ward of New York. Senator Penrose said the meeting was only preliminary to a formal conference next week, when Chairman Hitchcock returns from the west. National Committeeman Duncan of North Carolina is here for a conference with Chairman Hitchcock. He declared that North Carolina was rapidly becoming

"Our state convention," said Mr. Duncan, "was one of the greatest republican gatherings ever held in the state. We nominated a strong ticket, and we expect to elect three or four members to congress. One of my objects here is to make arrangements for Mr. Sherman to make at least one speech in North Caro-

These have been some of the methods of discrimination. I believe that with more farmers in the councils of the nation, ence upon public thought through the pen and pencil and by the tongue, we shall have a change, and that that change will help to retard, if not to stop, the tendency now from the farm to the town. But what, my friends, is the danger of the great cities? I do not mean to say that the causes that I have given are the only ones that have tended to build up the cities. Nearly everything that has contributed but these influences have all. when you trace them back to the cause, been operating, and the fact that the farmer's influence in legislation has not been what it ought to have been is one

### Rebate Evils.

"Take the rebates that have built up great centers and destroyed the small towns. Why have they been given? cause the farmer has not had a voice in the regulation of the railroads.

"I believe the farm is the great train-ing school and I know that the people from the farm have strengthened every believe as we get away from the country, great laws of nature that ought to have great laws of nature that ought to have a controlling influence in our lives. Man as he lives close to the soil lives close to God. It is easy to teach religion to one who sees the miracles performed every day. It is easy to inspire regard for the creator in one who sees every day the handiwork of the Almighty and labors constantly amid the mysteries of natural life. And on these farms we have been rearing the men and women whose influences have helped to keep this country great and to promote the movements which have for their objects

### Law of Rewards.

"But there is another reason why I am anxious that the farmer shall have a great influence. As I have been studying the causes of evil, as I have been studying the abuses that need to be remedied, I have found that the fundamental trouble is a mistaken understanding of the law of rewards. The farmer, more

### MERCHANTS BEGIN RAILROAD FIGHT

Little Rock, Ark., September 4.-The Little Rock merchants' freight bureau. representing many of the prominent shippers of Little Rock and Arkansas, has filed suit before the interstate commerce commission against the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the St. Louis, Southwestern railroad, contesting the freight tariff that went into effect September 1, and the tariff that is announced to be effective September 24 between the Mississippi river crossings and Little Rock. It is claimed by the shippers that the new tariffs represent a net advance of 25 per cent on all classes of freight The advance ranges from a 10 per cent advance on certain classifications to as high as 75 and 80 per cent on others.

The advance was most noticeable on all classes of groceries and on iron and steel ware and manufactured articles.

The complaint charges that the prothere is no condition existing now which mean the beginning of a fight to be waged by Arkansas shippers against the railroads resulting from the victory in the injunction suit against the Arkansas railroad commission decided yesterday at

than anyone else, is brought into close touch with the divine law of rewards. "The farmer knows that God has given to convert raw material into wealth, it must be by diligence and by intelligence; and the farmer is impressed, day by day, year by year, with the idea that his reward is to be in proportion to his merit." sun, and the farmer knows that if he is

# 3000 HOMELESS

Mining Town In Nevada Is Almost Destroyed

Business Section of the Town Is First Laid In Ashes and Then the Residence Section Is Destroyed Before Helpless People,

thousand more in e homeless, a score or and a property loss of over wheth started at 9 o'clock this o' ning in Dr. Gardner's office. Fanned by a gale the fire they were swept away like tinder.

Rawhide was a smoldering ruin, the flames being finally checked south of Balloon avenue. Among the first buildings to go was Collins' hardware store, which contained two tons of dynamite that exploded with a terrific rip, hurling burning planks and boards a great distance, setting fire to numer ous buildings simultaneously.

The scenes were similar to those a the fire at Goldfield in July, 1906, and at Cripple Creek in April, 1896. Many people were injured by flying

debris, but no one reported seriously A famine is feared as all the supply houses and grocery stores were wiped

A subscription list was started and in a few minutes over \$5000 was raised and a relief train started from Reno, carrying food and bedding.
All the mining towns of the state came quickly to the assistance of Raw-ilde sufferers with cash contributions.

The San Francisco mining exchange at once sent a contribution of \$500 First National Bank of Rawhide, Bank of Rawhide, Press-Times building, Mizpah Mercantile company, Neva-

da Meat market, the Northern, Tex-Richard's Mark & Co., Nevada club, Downer hotel, Kelly's dance hall. The fire destroyed the hoisting works of the Bluff Mining company, Grutt Hill properties and the Grutt business office. The loss on these amounted to \$10,000. which is the extent of damage done the mining properties.

Plans were well under way for a reconstruction of the town before the ashes were cool.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 4 .- The LaFollette Coal and Iron company this week resumed operations at its coke ovens, and the Kent coal mines at La-Follette, giving employment to several hundred men. The Roan Iron company has in blast one iron furnace at Rock wood, Tenn., and is preparing to put another furnace in blast between September 10 and 15. This will 2 so give employment to many additional no

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## HERMAN RIDDER IS SURE OF VICTORY

German Editor Says Bryan Will Be Elected and That This Statement Is No Idle Dream, But Based On Information Which Has Come To Him Through His Travels Throughout the United States

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., September 4 .- , so-called gold and Cleveland democrats speeches, one at the State Fair grounds and the other at the Tabitha Home for the Aged, near Fairview, received many hundreds of people, talked into a phonograph, discussed politics and sandwiched leaders should give more time to that

Perhaps the most important visitor was Herman Ridder of New York, one of the democratic managers. Mr. Ridder is on his way east and dropped off in Lincoln a short time this morning to have a talk with the presidential candidate. He brought very flattering reports of the

Mr. Bryan's notice was attracted to the dispatch from Middle Bass Island wherein it is stated that Mr. Taft in commenting on the result of the Vermont election said he would have been better pleased had the majority not been so large, in which event the danger of republican overconfidence would have been

"I know," remarked Mr. Bryan, "of several sections of the country where the republicans are not afflicted with over-

Mr. Ridder has traveled extensively over the United States since the Denver convention and laid before the presidential candidate some statistics which seem to satisfy both himself and Mr. Bryan tending to show that all of the this fall.

William J. Bryan today was a busy man. He delivered two dedication speeches, one at the State Fair grounds

In the opinion of Mr. Ridder the real

'From careful observation," said Mr Ridder, "I am now convinced that the national democratic ticket will be elected this fail. I told Mr. Bryan so. This opinion is not based on wild hopes, neither does desire sway me in announcing it, but it is the result of a careful canvass made by myself and friends since the Denver convention adjourned. There political situation as he found it in the will be many suprises when the result west and particularly among the German of the vote is known. I have found in every section of the country bitter re-sentment against republicans among members of their own party because of the attitude of the leaders on the tariff question. Everyone who remembers the experience of those who approached the House and Senate leaders during the last session of Congress to urge a reduction of the duty on any article, it was that there is no chance for a real revision of the tariff if the republicans win this fall. So republicans and dem-ocrats alike will know that the prosperity of the country demands the re-vision of the tariff and will support the democratic ticket to bring about this re-

> "After conferring with the leaders in Chicago I will go direct to New York and will later take the stump in the east for Bryan and Kern. The Germans of the country are going to support the democratic ticket almost unanimously this fall."

### FARMERS' UNION TAKES ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

Fort Worth, Tex., September 4.—At the the using of cotton bagging wherever posclosing session today of the annual meet- sible, to create a further demand for ing of the National Farmers' union, plans cotton the members of the organization which would eliminate entirely middle men. It is proposed that a commission of 12 growing states, with office at Memphis, deal direct with the spinners at home and abroad. This commission is to have the exclusive handling of the cotton in union warehouses, and when a sale is made the amount to be taken from each of the

It developed today that the Mississippi ceipts, and it is hoped to extend this ble. It was also learned today that reso-

A third resolution follows, in part:

"Resolved, "That the Farmers' Educa tional and Co-operative Union of America, representing over two million farm ers, hereby adopts the immigration reso lutions passed last January at the an nual rally in Memphis, calling for federal and state legislation abolishing immigration bureaus and substantially excluding the present influx from southeast Europe and western Asia, and urge upon our federal officials the vigorous enforcement of all immigration laws, in order to prowarehouses is to be apportioned according to the amount held.

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The importance of this resolution lies

A partial list of the heaviest losers Bankers' association has agreed to ad- in the fact that it indicates a fixed pur-

rendering warehouse certificates negotia-rendering warehouse certificates negotia-rendering warehouse certificates negotia-shall be sold for can be ascertained. The ble. It was also learned today that resolutions were passed during the closies hours of the convention approving the proposed parcels post system, and urging plans of the organization.

### GOVERNOR HOKE SMITH HAS FAITH IN BRYAN

Atlanta, September 4 .- The first Bry- | racy. Turning to the tariff the governor an meeting in the state of Georgia was | said: held here tonight under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic league. United States Senator Clay, Gov. Hoke Smith National Committeeman Clark Howell and Charles F. Berrien, who was introduced as the former president of a local labor organization, delivered addresses in which they declared their unqualified support to the democratic national candidate for President.

Committeeman Howell, Senator Clay and Gov. Smith urged the voters of the state to vote the straight democratic ticket, saying that a vote for any other candidate was a vote thrown away.

Gov. Smith began his speech by saying that Mr. Bryan was renominated by the plain American people who know his purity of purpose and who have faith in his ability. He then took up the issues between the republican and "I read a few days ago a carefully

prepared estimate of what the protec tive tariff and trusts combined cost the American people and the startling figures amounted to \$2,000,000,000 an-"No wonder the few are fattening at

dency of the protective trust-creating tariff is to so concentrate business erations as to remove individual op-"Here the democratic party takes its

stand. Here our demands are equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Here we will make the great battle for the American people, and beneath a flag on which is written 'justice' we will win.

"We have a great leader at the head of our ticket, nearly every day his words are sent throughout the land. pressing his personality upon the country and by the wisdom of his utter-ances he is bringing confidence even to the democratic parties which he de- those who have doubted the kind of scribed as democracy against plutoc- administration he will gile."

### **GEORGIA COTTON CROP IS DAMAGED**

Atlanta, September 4.-Commissioner of Agriculture Hudson today stated that in his belief the cotton crop of Georgia has been damager by the recent rains to the extent of 500,000 bales. The commissioner said that in only two counties in the state is the crop up to the standard of that of last

"The heavy rains which were general throughout the state two or three weeks ago, followed by the exceedingly hot weather accounts for the damage," said Commissioner Hudson, "The two excesses caused the cotton to shed its young bolls and squares to such an extent that every acre of farm land in Georgia was literally covered with them. The damage is greater this year than ever before in my knowl-

Conference of Democrats.

New York, September 4.-Robert S. Hudspeth, vice chairman of the democratic national committee, who will have charge of the eastern campaign for the party, held a meeting with the heads of the different bureaus at headquarters today. It was announced that H. V. Skeffington of Boston had been made head of the labor bureau in the eastern department. John W. Tomlinson, chairman of the committee on club organiza-tion, informed Mr. Hudspeth that upwards of 5000 clubs had already been enrolled at headquarters in New York, Chicago, Denver and San Francisco.

### SEVERE DROUTH IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg, Pa., September 5.-Suffering from lack of water for domestic purposes. suspension of manufacturing with attendand loss of wages, blighting or complete destruction of crops and lack of water for live stock, such as probably has never been experienced, is reported from every border counties in Ohio.

There is imminent danger of the loss of live stock, my of which is already being driven many miles to running streams. There are also grave fears of disease epidemics through the use of stagnant water or lack of water with which to observe the most ordinary hygienic rules.

Probably the most serious conditions prevail in Johnstown and vicinity. In that city tonight the municipal crematory was burned to the ground because the fire department could find no water to turn upon the flames.
At Westmont, a Johnstown suburb, the

reservoir supply is completely exhausted and people are carrying water from springs in the hills far beyond the town.

Oliver Gets Big Contract.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 4.-W. J. Oliver of this city, has been awarded the contract to reconstruct the great dam at Augusta. Ga., which was swept away by the recent floods. It is estimated the work will cost from \$500 .-000 to \$1,000,000. Mr. Oliver is pre-paring to begin construction at once.

## **AMERICANS ARE** FROM MELBOURNE

Final Greetings Are Exchanged With Hosts Who Entertained So Pleasantly

### NEWSPAPER CALLS VISIT A DELIGHTFUL CARNIVAL

Sad Deaths Have Marred the Visit In Accidental Killing of Americans During Railway Excursion.

Melbourne, September 4.-Today brought he last of the series of entertainments in onor of the men and officers of the pleasant and personal contact with their visitors. It dawned bright and beautiful, as if to make up for the bad weather of the early part of the week, and the pro gramme was carried out without a hitch or interruption. Tomorrow morning at & o'clock the fleet sails away for Albany, West Australia, where it will remain for week, taking coal.

It has been a busy seven days for Mel bourne, as well as for the visitors, and the city has found acommodation for vast throngs from the provinces, who swarmed in to take part in the festivities and wit ness the elaborate illuminations that have lighted up the city and bay for several hours each night.

Trip Through Country.

The final official greetings have been exchanged and the last personal farewells hosts see their guests depart with sincere regret. A feature of the stay of the fleet in this port has been the personal friendships established between the officers of the fleet and the people of Melbourne. Official functions there were almost without number, but, in addition, there have been a great many private luncheons and dinners and calls, quite informal in character, which gave a better opportunity for the forming of acquaintances and friendships which will endure for many years sad accompaniment in the death by acci-Vermont named Michaelson. Both men were killed by moving railroad trains. while on excursions to the suburbs. They were buried today with full military honors, the mourners including representatives of the local naval and military

A party of American officers, as guests of the Automobile club, made a trip in motor cars over the Black Spur, accompanied by Sir John Madden, the lieutenant governor. The route was from the club house via Richmond, Kew, Boxhill and Lilydale and Fernshaw, where luncheon was served. The journey was then the cars commenced the return trip by another route to Melbourne, where

The state government this afternoon entertained Admiral Sperry and the senior officers of the fleet at an elaborate luncheon at Parliament house, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, the governor of Victoria, and many of the state ministers were present. The Victorian premier, Thomas Bent, delivered an address of welcome in which he said that Alfred Deakin, the prime minister of the com-menwealth, had good reason to be proud of the fact that he was the man who invited the American fleet to Australian

This afternoon there were baseball matches at the cricket grounds and a regatta on Hobson's bay.

This evening the warrant, petty and non-commissioned officers of the fleet were entertained on shore by the officers of equal rank of the commonwealth na-val and military forces of Victoria and the state government provided a wonderful display of fireworks at Albert park, which was witnessed by enormous crowds of people.

The Melbourne Daily Age publishes an

editorial article bidding farewell to the fleet in which it says:

Delightful Carnival.

"It has been a delightful carnival. The fraternizations are at an end but the memories that remain will be an endurand Australia are traveling parallel routes to the same goal, the betterment of the race and they have no conflicting am-The Australians have grappled their American cousins to their hearts with more than hoops of steel and they hope at no distant time to renew their greetings with augmented regard."

A large crowd of Australians assemnight to take enthusiastic leave of the ing that can be imagined. As each Amerlean sailor arrived at the station to board a trolley car to get down to the board a trolley car to get down to the landing stages the crowd swooped down upon him and lifting him high on their shoulders, carried him into the building and deposited him in his seat, to a constant accompaniment of hurrahs, calls of "good bye, old man," and the final singing of the chorus "For he's a jolly good fellow."

good fellow." on his way than the untiring Australians sought out another and even when the Americans arrived by the dozen and by the score there was no lack of willing hands and arms to give each sailor or marine a similar send-off.

Count Tolstol Better.

St. Petersburg, September 4 .- A letter received here from Countess Toistoi, wife of Count Leo Tolstoi, says that her husband is better of his re-